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2006 FILING SCHEDULE
PRIVATELY FINANCED LEGISLATIVE
AND COUNTY CANDIDATES

Election Dates: Primary Election – June 13, 2006
General Election – November 7, 2006

Election Year Reports

<u>Type of Report</u>	<u>Filing Deadline</u>	<u>Reporting Period</u>
January Semiannual*	January 17, 2006	Beginning of campaign - Dec. 31, 2005
6-Day Pre-Primary	June 7, 2006	End of last report (if any) - June 1, 2006
42-Day Post-Primary	July 25, 2006	June 2, 2006 - July 18, 2006
6-Day Pre-General	November 1, 2006	July 19, 2006 - October 26, 2006
42-Day Post-General	December 19, 2006	October 27, 2006 - December 12, 2006

*The January Semiannual report is required for any legislative or county candidate who raised or spent more than \$500 in calendar year 2005.

24-Hour Reporting

Candidates must disclose contributions and expenditures of \$1,000 or more made:

after June 1, 2006 and before 5:00 p.m. on June 12, 2006, and

after October 26, 2006 and before 5:00 p.m. on November 6, 2006

in a special report filed within 24 hours of receiving the contribution or making the expenditure (including Saturdays and Sundays).

Filing Procedures

Electronically Filed Campaign Finance Reports. Candidates in the 2006 elections who receive or expect to receive at least \$1,500 for their campaigns are required to file reports electronically on the Commission's website. Candidates or treasurers must enter the required information and click "File Report" by 5:00 p.m. on the filing deadline. The Commission will conduct training seminars on the e-filing system in 2006. Candidates may request an exception to the e-filing requirement if they lack access to the technology or the technological ability to file reports on the internet. The Commission will grant all reasonable requests for an exception.

Filing Campaign Finance Reports on Paper. For those candidates receiving an exception to the e-filing requirement, the Ethics Commission must receive each original campaign finance report signed by both the candidate and treasurer at its office by 5:00 p.m. on the filing deadline, except in two circumstances. A properly signed report may be faxed to the Commission office at (207) 287-6775 by 5:00 p.m. on the deadline, provided that the original report is received by the Commission within five calendar days. A report that has been mailed to the Commission by certified or registered mail and that is postmarked at least 2 days before the filing deadline will not be considered late, even if it is received after the deadline.

Additional Reports for Privately Financed Legislative Candidates with a Maine Clean Election Act Opponent

101% REPORT

Legislative candidates must file this report if they:

- are not participating in the Maine Clean Election Act (MCEA);
- have a MCEA opponent in an election; and
- receive, spend, or obligate more than 1% over the amount of the MCEA opponent's initial distribution (the "101% Amount").

The report must be filed within 48 hours of reaching the 101% Amount. The report must state the candidate's total receipts, total expenditures, and obligations, to date.

101% AMOUNTS

	<i>101% Amount:</i>	<i>Based on MCEA distribution:</i>		<i>101% Amount:</i>	<i>Based on MCEA distribution:</i>
<i>Primary Election</i>			<i>General Election</i>		
House	\$1,519	\$1,504	House	\$4,406	\$4,362
Senate	\$7,823	\$7,746	Senate	\$20,283	\$20,082

42-DAY, 21-DAY, AND 12-DAY ACCELERATED REPORTS

All privately financed candidates with a MCEA opponent are required to file three pre-election reports stating the candidate's total campaign contributions, expenditures, and obligations to date for the election. If the candidate has not reached the 101% Amount, the candidate must file an affidavit by each deadline attesting that the candidate has not received, spent, or obligated the 101% Amount to date for the election. The accelerated report deadlines are:

<u>Type of Report</u>	<u>Filing Deadline</u>	<u>Reporting Period</u>
42-Day Pre-Primary	May 2, 2006	Through April 30, 2006
21-Day Pre-Primary	May 23, 2006	Through May 21, 2006
12-Day Pre-Primary	June 1, 2006	Through May 30, 2006
42-Day Pre-General	September 26, 2006	Through September 24, 2006
21-Day Pre-General	October 17, 2006	Through October 15, 2006
12-Day Pre-General	October 26, 2006	Through October 24, 2006

24-HOUR REPORTING

A privately financed candidate who is required to file a 101% Report must also file an updated report with the Commission of any contribution aggregating more than \$1,000 from a single source, any single expenditure or obligation of \$750 or more by a candidate for State Senator, or any single expenditure or obligation of \$500 or more by a candidate for State Representative made:

after May 30, 2006 and before 5:00 p.m. on June 12, 2006, or

after October 24, 2006 and before 5:00 p.m. on November 6, 2006.

The report must be filed within 24 hours of receiving the contribution or making the expenditure or obligation, including Saturdays or Sundays.